

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- A system for inserting alert based information into broadcast programming over a program distribution network. A program distributor (48) transmits broadcast programming over program distribution network via a network fabric (20). When program distributor (48) receives alert based information, the program distributor (48) converts the alert information from a first format to a second format compatible with the broadcast programming and the program distributor (48) inserts the converted alert into a signal carrying the broadcast programming via the network fabric (20). A method is also disclosed for inserting alert based information into a broadcast programming transmitted over a program distribution network. --